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WHITESIDE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

IN MEMORIAM Warren E. Whiteside

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On September 9, 2018 the Whitesides Family Association lost the individual who was in essence its founder. On that day Warren Whiteside of Townsend, DE was promoted to the rank of Ancestor. He was one of the leaders of the small group of Whitesides who gathered in 2003 at the home of Elliot Whitesides in Kingston, Tn. Warren's enthusiasm for discovering connections among the many people bearing his name gave impetus for the development of the organization. He was responsible for incorporating the WFA to become a 501c3 non-profit organization and he was one of its early presidents.

Warren's interest in yDNA testing began in 2000 with his first test. He believed that this testing would be an important tool in establishing family links. Diligently he searched for other Whitesides who would agree to be tested. Thus began the Whiteside yDNA project which continues to thrive with over 150 participants. Through his efforts many people have a deeper understanding of their backgrounds. Warren enjoyed every minute of this project, but most of all he loved discovering new relatives from people who were once complete strangers.

Warren was a cancer survivor for many years, but he passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 9. He will be missed by all. His enthusiasm for all things Whiteside will live long past his lifetime. All of us will remember his call of "cousin" whenever we think of Warren. The WFA is his legacy.

Warren's family requested that donations in his memory be made to the Whiteside Family Association Memorial Fund. This may be done by visiting www.whitesideancestry.org.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 11-12, 2018
Glen Carbon, Illinois

The WFA Board of Directors met at the Hampton Inn in Glen Carbon, Ill on October 11-12. The board opened business by discussing what Warren's death would mean for the WFA. Our vibrant WFA that is dedicated to helping others find their origins is Warren's legacy. The Board accepted the challenge to maintain Warren's high standards and vision for "Those of Whiteside."

Reports from the UK and all projects and activities were heard. As always, there is a great need for more volunteers. A focus will be placed on making the website even more "user friendly" for all seeking various types of information.

The Board agreed that a greater focus needs to be placed on research. Steps were taken to begin making this happen.

Jim Whiteside, treasurer, reported on the financial activity of the group. The group heard that 90% of membership and memorial donations use PayPal.

A highlight of this meeting was the opportunity to visit William R. Whiteside, WFA historian, at his home in nearby Cottage Hills, Ill. Bill R's documentation of all things Whitesides is truly impressive and very important to the organization.

The BOD meeting adjourned just before the annual meeting of the general membership on Saturday, October 13.



The WFA needs volunteers to do some important tasks. Several are listed below:

1. DNA Manager—work with Bill G. Whiteside to oversee the Whiteside DNA project; recruit individuals to participate in the project
2. Website Editorial Support—help to write articles for the website; work in cooperation with Arliss Whiteside, webmaster
3. Leadership for the Celtic/Parisi project
4. Assist with editing Dan Boucher's work in preparation for placing on the website
5. Backup treasurer to support Jim Whiteside and cosign on the bank accounts

If you would participate in any of these areas, contact William G. Whiteside at wqwhiteside@gmail.com.

WHITESIDE FAMILY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 13, 2019

William G. Whiteside called the meeting to order at 10:00.

The following persons were nominated for and elected to the BOD to serve a two-year terms (2019-2020): William G. Whiteside, David Whiteside, Barbara Olson, and Richard Soard.

Arless Whiteside was nominated to fill a one-year vacant term. He was elected unanimously.

The group welcomed Linda Osterdock, local DAR member, who gave a talk on the Whiteside Family Pioneers to the West. Her talk centered on the family of William Whiteside (1747) who traveled west to the area south of Columbia, Illinois in Monroe County and founded Whiteside Station. A marker has been placed by Whiteside Station Chapter NSDAR approximately 1.9 miles from the original location of Whiteside Station.

The group concluded the day by going to view the marker.



The DAR marker recognizing Whiteside Station near Columbia, Ill.



The WFA group which traveled to see the marker while in Illinois.

SPRING 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Hagerstown, Maryland
April 10 & 11, 2019
Hampton Inn on I-81

**These meetings are open to any and all WFA members.
Feel free to join the board.**



Ever really stumped by how to read and use Don Whiteside's family tree charts? Here are some words of advice and help from Nancy Torphy....

Using the Charts and Family Numbers created by Don Whiteside can be rather intimidating. What number?? What chart?? Where to begin??

There is excellent information on using the Don Whiteside Resources to be found on the website. Take some time to examine what is found under Member Research including [Member's Procedure for Using the WFA Master Chart Index](#) and [Locating Indexed Chart Pages](#).

However, there are also some realities about these tree charts. The fact that Don's handwriting was the worst and his notations look like chicken scratching is often enough to make people stop searching. However, the amount of information contained in these charts is amazing and helpful and with a bit of fortitude, the charts can be cracked.

I confess that my method can best be described as down and dirty and begins without using the numbers. This is what I tried in order to attack the charts. I found that using the charts lead to the knowledge that Don had a method. The charts are laid out in a common manner using a simple family tree. The upper left corner of each page lists states/counties where various lines of the family moved. A name followed by an = and another name indicates a marriage. Examine the names you find. You might find a name and beneath it a date. That date will be birth. Below that you might find that = sign and a name. That will be a marriage. And finally, you might find another date beneath that and there will be the death date. However, you might find only one or two of those dates with a clear space for the one not found. Don Whiteside left spaces for information he did not have and soon you will recognize those spaces. After going through a few charts, it all becomes easier.

I knew that my line began in Virginia and I thought the family was in Rockbridge County. You might not have a county but you can start the same way. I went to Research, Tree Charts, USA State Charts and Virginia. I then scrolled through all of them until I came to Rockbridge County and there they were. The counties are in alphabetical order, but Virginia does have a lot of charts, so be patient. Once I found what I was looking for, I also checked that upper left corner and then went to those states and counties and looked for more family members.

You might only have a more recent state location for your family and not have the earlier. Go to the state that you know and start scrolling though. When you find what you are looking for you can check that upper left hand corner and work backwards.

Soon you will begin to see that Don Whiteside had a plan and a method, and that while he was saddled with really terrible handwriting, he was consistent in his method. He compiled an incredible amount of Whiteside information and now your job is to take a deep breath and start examining that information.

Nancy Torphy